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H. R. 9364

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 8, 1950

Mr. KEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To provide for the education of the dependent minor children of the military and civilian personnel of the Federal Government stationed overseas.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SHORT TITLE

4 SECTION 1. That this Act may be cited as the "Educa-
5 tion of Children of Overseas Federal Employees Act".

PURPOSE

7 SEC. 2. The purpose of this Act is to make available,
8 insofar as feasible to children of military and civilian per-
9 sonnel of the Federal Government stationed overseas, an
10 education considered adequate for the personnel to be served.

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DEFINITIONS

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SEC. 3. When used in the Act, the term—

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(a) "Government agency" means any executive department, board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the Federal Government, or any corporation which is wholly owned, either directly or through one or more corporations, by the United States and which is an instrumentality of the United States;

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(b) "Eligible employees" means any full-time civilian officer or employee of any Government agency who is a citizen of the United States and is stationed overseas, except such persons serving under appointment for a period of less than one year, and any member of the Armed Forces on active duty whose permanent station is overseas except such persons serving under orders to active duty for a period of less than one year.

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(c) "Overseas" means any area not included in the several States, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands.

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(d) "Dependent minor child" means any unmarried child, adopted child, stepchild, or foster child of an eligible employee, who is not under five and not over twenty-one years of age and who is a member of the employee's household abroad and is chiefly supported by him.

PROVISION FOR EDUCATION

SEC. 4. Subject to such standards, rules, and regulations as the President may prescribe—

(a) the head of any Government agency (hereinafter referred to as an "agency head") may provide for the elementary and secondary school education of dependent minor children of eligible employees by granting allowances for tuition and related costs (including board and room costs necessary to attendance at school), for correspondence courses together with the expenses incident to the use thereof, and for necessary transportation in overseas areas: *Provided*, That such allowance shall be uniform for all employees in geographical areas as set forth in the rules and regulations prescribed;

(b) an agency head may provide for the travel or pay the travel expenses of dependent minor children of eligible employees in proceeding not more than once from such employees' post of assignment in an overseas area to the nearest port of entry in the United States for the purpose of obtaining post-secondary or college education. Existing air and surface Government transportation facilities will be utilized to the maximum extent practicable;

(c) (1) if an agency head considers, after review-

1 ing the adequacy, availability, and cost of existing edu-
2 cation facilities (including schools receiving assistance
3 under the United States Information and Exchange
4 Act of 1948, as amended (Public Law 402, Eightieth
5 Congress), that circumstances justify the establishment
6 and maintenance by the Government of a school in
7 an overseas area for the education of dependent minor
8 children of eligible employees, he may, with the con-
9 currence of the Secretary of State as to the propriety
10 of such action in reference to the foreign relations of
11 the United States, recommend to the President that
12 such a school be established and maintained and the
13 President may designate the most suitable agency to
14 establish and maintain such a school, and shall prescribe
15 the general conditions and requirements under which
16 such school shall be established and maintained. The
17 head of the agency so designated shall, after consulta-
18 tion with appropriate Government agencies, including
19 the Federal Security Agency, insure, insofar as feasible,
20 the maintenance of a program of education which is
21 comparable to that furnished in the public schools in the
22 District of Columbia;

23 (2) tuition and related supplies and services shall
24 be furnished at any such school without cost to the
25 dependent minor children of eligible employees. Gov-

1 ernment agencies other than the agencies operating
2 schools under the authority of this subsection shall, in
3 accordance with the provisions of section 601 of the
4 Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 417; 31 U. S. C.
5 686), compensate the appropriation authorized here-
6 under for such operating agencies for the cost of tuition
7 and related supplies and services furnished to dependent
8 minor children of eligible employees of such other
9 agencies; and

10 (3) instruction may be furnished at any such school
11 to the children of other citizens of the United States
12 and of foreign nationals, at an appropriate charge which
13 will cover the cost of tuition and related supplies and
14 services furnished. Funds received in payment of such
15 charges shall be credited to appropriations authorized
16 hereunder and may be used for the purposes of this Act.

17 (d) nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit
18 or otherwise affect the provisions of the United States
19 Information and Education Exchange Act of 1948, as
20 amended (Public Law 402, Eightieth Congress).

21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

22 SEC. 5. In order to effect the provisions of this Act, an
23 agency head may, with respect to operations in overseas
24 areas—

25 (a) employ personnel, including aliens, who shall

1 be compensated in accordance with the provisions of
2 the Classification Act of 1949 except as otherwise pro-
3 vided by regulations of the President issued under the
4 authority of this Act; and provide transportation and
5 appropriate allowances and benefits for such personnel
6 to be stationed in overseas areas;

7 (b) enter into contracts (including contracts for
8 the construction, improvement, and maintenance of
9 school buildings and facilities) without regard to section
10 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (41 U. S. C.,
11 sec. 5) ;

12 (c) make advance payments without regard to the
13 provisions of section 3648 of the Revised Statutes, as
14 amended (31 U. S. C., sec. 529) ;

15 (d) acquire by purchase, lease, loan, or gift, and
16 hold and dispose of movable or immovable property,
17 needed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining
18 schools and of providing transportation under this Act,
19 all without regard to sections 355, 3709, and 3734, of
20 the Revised Statutes, as amended (33 U. S. C., sec. 733;
21 41 U. S. C., sec. 5; 40 U. S. C., sec. 259 and sec. 267) ;

22 (e) receive, and use for the purpose of this Act,
23 funds donated either in the currency of the United States
24 or in foreign currencies: *Provided*, That such funds are

1 donated without restriction other than that they be used
2 in furtherance of such purpose;

3 (f) accept and utilize the services of voluntary and
4 uncompensated personnel in the providing of education
5 under this Act; and

6 (g) accept and utilize movable and immovable
7 property, and other facilities or services or personnel of
8 any Government agency authorized by sections 291-
9 297 of title 22 of the United States Code, as may be
10 amended, on such terms as may be agreed upon.

11 AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

12 SEC. 6. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated
13 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purpose
14 of this Act.

15 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

16 SEC. 7. The President may delegate any of the authority
17 vested in him by this Act to such agency head as he may
18 deem appropriate.

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